

What is claimed is:

1. A shielded pressure placement device for the reduction of bleeding or edema and exposure to radiation, comprising:

a flexible medium for receiving an application of pressure;

a radiation shield operatively engaged to said flexible medium; and

wherein said radiation shield transmits said application of pressure to a patient to reduce bleeding or edema and wherein said radiation shield reduces radiation exposure to a user.

2. The shielded pressure placement device of claim 1 wherein said radiation shield is affixed to said flexible medium.

3. The shielded pressure placement device of claim 1 further comprising a pressure applicator.

4. The shielded pressure placement device of claim 3 wherein said pressure applicator further includes a brace.

5. The shielded pressure placement device of claim 3 wherein said pressure applicator is operationally engaged to said flexible medium.

6. The shielded pressure placement device of claim 1 wherein said flexible material is selected from the group consisting of rubbers, polymers, gels, and foams.

7. The shielded pressure placement device of claim 1 wherein said radiation shield is planar.

9. The shielded pressure placement device of claim 1 wherein said radiation shield is curved.

10. A method for applying pressure to a surgical patient, said method comprising the steps of:

applying pressure to a flexible medium, said flexible medium transmitting said pressure to a radiation shield;

transmitting said pressure by said radiation shield to a body region of a surgical patient; and

reducing radiation exposure to a user by said radiation shield.